



MINUTES

Community First Choice Council (CFC)

225 E. 16th Avenue, Denver, 80203

1st Floor Conference Room

February 4, 2013

1pm – 3pm

Conference Call Phone: 1-877-820-7831

Code: 511120#

Greetings

Martha Beavers

5 Minutes

In Attendance:

- Co-Chairs: Josh Winkler (CCDC), Martha Beavers, on the phone (HCPF)
- *Health Care Policy and Financing Attendees:* Candie Dalton, Laurie Stephens, Tim Gaub
- *Other Attendees:* David Henninger (Bayaud Enterprises), Barry Rosenberg (PASCO), Lori Thompson (CDHS/DDD), Dawn Russell (ADAPT), Ed Milewski (CPWD), Julie Reiskin (CCDC), Louise Apodaca (CCDC), Keith Percy (CPWD), Susan Johnson (DDRC), Pat Cook (CGS), Jill Pidcock (CO-CAND & Parents/Advocate), Michael Klein (Allied Jewish), Chris Butler (CALA), Jose Torres (CCDC), Mary Colecchi (CCDC/ ADAPT)
- *Phone Attendees:* Bret Pittenger (HCPF), Jennifer Shook (The Legal Center), Susan Johnson (DDRC), Heather Jones (Mesa County DHS), Cathy Kaufman (Complete Home Health Care), Casey Ryan (InnovAge Long Term Care Options)

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- Introduction
- Open Questions/ Concerns

January Meeting Recap and Notes Approval

Martha Beavers

20 Minutes

- The Minutes for the January meeting were just sent out; please get any changes to her this week
- Minutes will be posted on the CFC web page:
[Colorado.gov/hcpf](http://colorado.gov/hcpf) > [Boards & Committees](#) > [Long-Term Care](#) > [Community First Choice Council](#)

- The Community First Choice Charter that was finalized 2 meetings ago is going through final approval, Martha will send out the link to the Charter once approved.
- A contractor has been selected; we are working to finalize the contract and working to schedule the first meeting to get the contractor up to speed. The Medicaid Infrastructure Grant has been extended to fund this work. The contractor is Mission Analytics Group from San Francisco, www.missionanalyticsgroup.com, they will also be working on Waiver Simplification.
- The Accountable Care Collaborative and the Dual –Eligible Demonstration Project (the dual eligible project has a new name and is now referred to as the Full benefit Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees Demonstration) both of these projects serve populations that would likely be served by Community First Choice. We have common membership with these groups, it will be important for us to bring issues together as they are related. Martha will attend these meeting when able. Once we get implementation phase, we will coordinate closely. Pat Cook will be attending the next Full Benefit Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees Demonstration meeting, it is on 2/12 at the MS Society.
- To learn more about these initiatives, please check out the links below [Full Benefit Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees Demonstration](#) and [Accountable Care Collaborative](#)
- We are working to get clarification from CMS, Martha Beavers and Elizabeth Arenales are working on the communication piece with CMS. Martha has sent a list of more questions to CMS. Would CMS grant a waiver to allow a service to be in state plan and waiver for the 300% clients? IS there any room for CMS to allow us to go higher on state plan or is there a way to fold that in somehow? What would be needed on state level o do this? A question was asked about if respite and supported employment could be included with CFC. Jill Pidcock brought up the issue of looking at how we define respite – caregiver, therapeutic, DD system respite- not designed to increase independents of the individual. Prime Services of CFC would be to increase independence. David would echo for respite with MI and TBI. Barry would also advocate for respite, if a parent burns out the child could suffer. Respite impacts quality of life and person centeredness. Initially the only service that was provided through the Children’s HCBS waiver was case management, and then IHSS was added. Barry voiced the concern that respite looking more like a medical services, when it should be somewhere between medical and babysitting. The group discussed specific services and home health benefits do not include respite which is a gap in services. The benefits planning group will have to get more feedback from CMS.
- There are still open policy questions and clarification needed from CMS. Next steps, Martha has had some more interactions with CMS, and has sent another them another round of questions that were reviewed with the group. If anyone else would like to participate in the CMS communication work group, let Martha know.

Update on Waiver Simplification work Martha Beavers**20 Minutes**

Martha informed the group that Marijo is not in attendance today. Lori Thompson, a member of the Waiver Simplification workgroup of the LTCAC, briefed the group.

- The Waiver Simplification Workgroup is moving forward with enabling legislation that will pave the way for future work on waiver simplification efforts, which could include CFC. The group agreed at our January meeting to combine the enabling legislation of the waiver group with CFC. The group has reviewed the waiver services for all 13 waivers, and will examine all the services offered. A small work group has been created to design and send out a survey. The survey will be sent to a focus group, but the audience isn't clear yet. The workgroup will be looking at data and working to design the array of services for all populations. Josh brought up the fact that every waiver has different definition for personal care, which will be a hard part of service delivery. Lori responded that they are reviewing those definitions to meet the need. Marijo will be speaking with Lorez regarding reaching out to legislature for late bill this session. Josh Winkler informed the group that it is likely that the LTCAC will be dissolving and be absorbed by the Community Living Advisory group, but the workgroups will still continue. There was discussion around this topic but since it has not been finalized and communicated yet, no decisions were made regarding this topic. ADAPT members did stay after the meeting to discuss this topic.

Work Plan Review (Martha Beavers & Josh Winkler)**60 Minutes**

- The group reviewed the work plan document handed out at the meeting. Martha and Josh have broken up the sections of the work group. Martha discussed with the group how the workgroups will operate within the larger council. Consensus may be made in small group but will update the work plan accordingly for everyone to review. These workgroups will make decisions together and then will run their approach by the larger council.
- Martha discussed with the group Changes to council membership. Heather Jones has replaced Grant Jackson, Mesa County. Jeff Johnson from Imagine had to step down; a replacement for Jeff hasn't been named. Maria Cabral has also had to step down from the council. Membership will be reviewed to see if additional members need to be added.
- Josh reviewed the work plan and listed the groups that he would oversee. Client, Community Partner and Legislature communication: Julie chair, Heather Jones will replace Grant Jackson & Keith Percy. This group will work on a statement for people to review which will give a clear message on CFC. Julie will pull together a focus group of clients and will discuss the group and get a draft together for the next meeting.
- The Legislative Review group will be comprised of: Marijo, Grant (Heather), Josh, Candie, Elisabeth. Josh mentioned the aspiration legislation and will give us a chance to review current legislation and how they all tie together.
- Benefits and Service Delivery Design: Josh, Martha, Susan, Keith, Karen, Lori, David, Carol M., Candie, Mary Colecchi, Gabrielle. This first meeting is scheduled for

February 12th. This group has a good representation of stakeholders and will need to think about employment throughout the entire process. Josh prepared some documents that Martha is reviewing and will share with this group. We are looking at the service comparison documents and final rule sections as well. The work of this group will be very tied into the waiver simplification group; also this group will need to collaborate with the LTCAC Care Coordination sub-committee to not have a duplication of services.

- Martha reviewed the groups that she will oversee: CMS and Provider communication- Randie, Casey, Barry, Elisabeth
- Eligibility and Enrollment- Casey, Susan, Kyle, Jose- financial & functional- coordinate with the entry point/eligibility sub-committee of the Community Living Advisory Group, becoming familiar with this work, a provider survey has been done, perhaps we should do some research/survey related to the client experience, could use a county rep - Jo Bell, Lydia Waldstein
- Benefits and Service Delivery design- with Josh
- The Quality and Compliance group is made up of: Pat Cook, Julie R, Elisabeth, Lori- e-mailing and looking to schedule a first conference call. This group will review the sections of CFC rule around what it says on quality and compliance.
- At the meeting next month after meeting with the consultant and getting their recommendations, we should have a more complete idea of the work plan, and then will get stakeholder input. Martha will follow up with the group regarding the status of the contract with the consultant, they will try to have the consultant come to the meeting in person next month. We also hope to have a representative from CMS join us at a future meeting.

Public Comment

- Josh informed the Committee that Kyle is now employed with a home health agency and still wants to participate on the council.
- Josh discussed with the Committee the possibility of the LTCAC committee being dissolved, as one of its roles was to be the steering committee for Money Follows the Person. Should this committee take over the role for overseeing that committee? Does that make more sense than moving it over to the community living advisory committee? Lori is on the CCT core team and could be a conduit of information.
- The group further discussed the possible dissolving of the LTCAC and the Community Living Advisory Committee. The work of the sub groups will continue, as the subgroups are getting work done. There seems to be a duplication of efforts with the LTCAC business meeting and the Community Living Advisory Group.

Next Steps/Wrap-Up

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- The next meeting is Monday, March 4th